

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DESTRUCTION OF FOREST AREA BY MINING ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study about the total forest area destroyed by mining activities like extracting of iron ore etc. and construction of railway sidings, particularly in Keonjhar district, Orissa;
- (b) if so, the total forest area destroyed during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has imposed any penalties on mine owners for their activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.